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FOR CHARGE FROM SCHAUFELE

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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

REF: A) ADDIS 3042, B) ADDIS 3195, C) STATE 106156

1. I APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONCERN (REFS A AND B) OVER FUTURE OF OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND OVER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH MAY HAVE ARISEN AS A RESULT OF OUR MAY 10 ABSTENTION ON TWO IDA LOANS FOR ETHIOPIA. AS YOU ARE AWARE, IT WAS DECIDED AT THE APRIL 11 PRC MEETING ON THE HORN OF AFRICA TO MAINTAIN OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR ETHIOPIA. NOTHING WHICH HAS SUBSEQUENTLY HAPPENED HAS

ALTERED THIS DECISION. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT CIRCUM-STANCES, BOTH POLITICAL AND PHYSICAL, WILL PERMIT US TO PROCEED ON SCHEDULE. AS FY 1977 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, IT IS APPARENT THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OBLIGATE ALL OF THE DOLS 12 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR BILATERAL PROCRAMS. UNLESS THERE IS DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR'S PROGRAMS, IT MAY UNDERSTANDABLY BE NECESSARY TO REPROGRAM UNOBLIGATED

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FUNDS FROM ETHIOPIA TO PROGRAMS ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN IF THIS BECOMES NECESSARY IT WILL HAVE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON FY 1978 PROGRAM PLANNING FOR ETHIOPIA.

2. THE ADMINISTRATION IS SINCERE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THAT CLEAR, INCLUDING BY VOTES IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THE MAY 10 STATEMENT BY OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ABSTAINING ON TWO IDA LOANS FOR ETHIOPIA (REF B) WAS DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA. THE STATEMENT ALSO EXPRESSED OUR DESIRE TO SEE PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT IN ETHIOPIA WHICH ARE AIMED AT AIDING THE MOST NEEDY WHEN WE FEEL SUCH PROGRAMS CAN FEASIBLY BE CARRIED OUT. OUR MAY 10 STATEMENT SAID QUOTE: WHILE WE DEPLORE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT THESE TWO LOANS . . . ARE LIKELY TO BENEFIT DIRECTLY SEGMENTS OF THE ETHIOPIAN POPULATION THAT ARE MOST IN NEED. THUS, RATHER THAN ACTIVELY OPPOSING THE LOANS WE HAVE CHOSEN THIS METHOD OF REGISTERING OUR GROWING CONCERN ABOUT THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA. UNQUOTE.

3. WITH REGARD EMBASSY'S QUESTION PARA 3 OF REF A, WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN OUR COMMITMENT TO CARRY OUT OUR PORTION OF THE PROJECTS INVOLVED WITH THE TWO LOANS TO ETHIOPIA. WE BELIEVE OUR INTENTION NOT TO SABOTAGE THE IDA LOANS SHOULD BE CLEAR, AND HOPEFULLY UNDERSTANDABLE
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TO THE EPMG.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THIRD AND FINAL FY 77 IDA LOAN TO ETHIOPIA (DOLS 24 MILLION FOR GRAIN STORAGE) COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE IBRD BOARD WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. THIS LOAN ORIGINALLY WAS SLATED FOR MAY 10 VOTE BUT, UNFORTUNATELY WAS DELAYED. US EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN AND MAKE A BRIEF, BUT NECESSARY EXPLANATION OF OUR ACTION. IT IS CONTEM-PLATED THAT HE WILL SIMPLY STATE THAT US IS ABSTAINING ON THE LOAN AND THAT OUR ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR MAY 10 ABSTENTION ON TWO OTHER IDA LOANS FOR ETHIOPIA. DEPARTMENT WILL NOT RPT NOT ASK EMBASSY TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO EPMG ON THIS VOTE. VANCE

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